

Remarks

Applicant's counsel thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given the application, including the indication that claims 16 - 18, 20 - 26, 31 - 33, 35 and 37 have been allowed. All non-allowed claims have been cancelled, to place the application into prima facie condition for immediate allowance. No new subject matter has been added.

The Examiner had rejected claims 1 - 15, 28 - 30, 34 and 36 on various bases under 35 USC §112, 6th, 1st, and 2nd paragraphs, respectively. Without conceding the merits of the Examiner's rejections, Applicant has cancelled claims 1 - 4, 6 - 15, 28 - 30, 34 and 36.

The Examiner has also objected to claim 5 as being dependent upon cancelled claim 4. Claim 5 has now been cancelled.

Claims 20 and 25 were objected to on the basis that numeral "19" needed to be cancelled from each claim. Applicant has now amended each of claims 20 and 25 to delete numeral "19" from each claim.


In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant submits that the Examiner's bases for rejection of or objection to the claims, as set forth in the final Office Action of December 23, 2008, should be deemed moot or overcome. Withdrawal of the rejections and objections to the claims, and reconsideration and allowance of the application as a whole, including already-allowed claims 16 - 18, 20 - 26, 31 - 33, 35 and 37, are respectfully solicited.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 456-8400 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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